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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: STOESSEL STATEMENT AT RESTRICTED
MEETING 1/27/76-TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 1

1. FOLLOWING IS STOESSEL STATEMENT AT 4:00 PM RESTRICTED
MEETING, JANUARY 27, 1976.
BEGIN TEXT.

MR. MINISTER, THE US DELEGATION HAS RETURNED TO MOSCOW
REFRESHED FROM HOLIDAYS AND USEFUL CONSULTATIONS IN
WASHINGTON.

WE HOPE THAT OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES ALSO ENJOYED THEIR
HOLIDAYS AND DISCUSSIONS.

IT IS THE SPECIFIC AIM OF THE US SIDE TO TRY TO MAKE
THIS THE LAST ROUND IN CARRYING OUT THE TASK ASSIGNED TO
US BY OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND WE ALSO SEEK TO MAKE THIS
ROUND AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.

THERE ARE A FEW REMAINING BRACKETS IN THE JOINT DRAFT
TREATY TEXT AND EACH SIDE WILL NO DOUBT WISH TO SUGGEST
SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN PHRASING; HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO US
THAT FURTHER WORK ON THE TREATY TEXT SHOULD NOT TAKE
MUCH TIME.

THE PROTOCOL TEXTS WILL SURELY OCCUPY MOST OF OUR
ATTENTION NOW; BUT HERE ALSO WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A LARGE
MEASURE OF AGREEMENT.

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I WILL NOW GIVE YOU OUR SUMMARY VIEWS ON MAJOR TASKS

REMAINING.

THE LARGEST VOLUME OF LANGUAGE NOT YET AGREED UPON IS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE FACT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE PROPOSED DIFFERENT FORMATS FOR DOCUMENTS IN ELABORATION OF TREATY PROVISIONS.

IT WOULD BE A A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR WORK IF WE COULD DEVELOP AN AGREED FORMAT QUICKLY.

BOTH SIDES HAVE INDICATED THEIR BELIEFS THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY AND THAT THE PROTOCOL SHOULD CONTAIN PROVISIONS OF AN ESSENTIAL NATURE.

BOTH SIDES HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDINGS MAY BE OF A TRANSITORY NATURE SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN WAYS SUBSIDIARY TO THE PROTOCOL.

THE US SIDE HAS REVIEWED ALL OF THE CURRENT TEXT MATERIAL IN DETAIL AND WE CONTINUE TO PREFER STRONGLY THE US FORMAT, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF DETAILED AND TRANSITORY MATTERS.

WE PROPOSE THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE DEVOTED TO THE SUBJECT OF FORMAT. IN THAT MEETING THE US SIDE WILL IDENTIFY EACH PLACE WHERE WE THINK THERE WILL BE NEED FOR SUBSIDIARY DEVELOPMENT OF DETAILED AGREEMENT THROUGH THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION OR OTHER PROCEDURES.

A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE TEXT IN THE PRESENT SOVIET DRAFT PROTOCOL AND TWO PROCEDURES DOCUMENTS IS THE SAME AS OR PARALLELED TO CORRESPONDING TEXT IN THE US DRAFT PROTOCOL. THEREFORE, I WILL COMMENT ONLY ON THOSE PRESENT DIFFERENCES THAT ARE UNIQUELY RELATED TO THE SOVIET FORMAT.

WE HAVE FOUR SPECIFIC CONCERNS ABOUT THIS FORMAT:

- (1) IT INVOLVES REPETITION OF SOME PROVISIONS AND, THEREFORE, ADDS TO THE TOTAL VOLUME OF TEXT.
- (2) THESE REPETITIONS EXPRESS CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN DIFFERENT WAYS AND, THEREFORE, CARRY THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICTING INTERPRETATIONS.
- (3) IT WOULD TREAT AS TRANSITORY CERTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE STABLE ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT.
- (4) THE AMENDMENT AUTHORITY CONTEMPLATED FOR THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION IS TOO EXTENSIVE.

FURTHER COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF FORMAT WILL BEST BE DONE WITH THE SPECIFIC TEXTS BEFORE US AT ANOTHER SECRET

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MEETING.

PENDING GENERAL AGREEMENT ON FORMAT WE WILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO PROCEED AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT ON THE MANY CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS THAT ARE PROPOSED IN BOTH TEXTS.

DURING THE RECESS OUR TWO SIDES EXCHANGED DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR DETAILED REVIEW TO BE SURE WE ARE BOTH WORKING FROM THE SAME TEXTS.

I SUGGEST THAT WE DIRECT WORKING GROUP I TO MEET
TOMO
ROW MORNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFIRMING THESE
COMMON TEXTS AND MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY TO
CORRECT ERRORS.

AT THE SAME TIME, WORKING GROUP I COULD RECORD ANY
AGREEMENTS ON DETAILED CHANGES THAT EITHER SIDE MAY WISH
TO PROPOSE. THE US SIDE HAS A NUMBER OF SUCH CHANGES TO
SUGGEST IN ORDER
TO REMOVE SOME BRACKETS.

CONCERNING MAJOR MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE, WE PROPOSE
THAT WE SCHEDULE MEETINGS EACH DAY FOR THE TIME BEING;
AND WE PROPOSE THAT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS BE PLACED ON THE
AGENDA NOW FOR RAPID RESOLUTION:

(1) PROVISIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION
BASED ON YOUR PROPOSAL FROM THE LAST ROUND. THE
TWO SIDES PARTIALLY DEVELOPED A JOINT TEXT ON THIS SUBJECT
BEFORE THE RECESS, AND THE US SIDE HAS DONE HOMEWORK ON
IT.

(2) PROVISIONS FOR OBSERVER ACCESS, INCLUDING AREAS
AND PLACES OF ACCESS, TIME PERIODS, AND PROCEDURES. WE
HAVE SOME IDEAS TO SUGGEST HERE ALSO.

(3) PROVISIONS FOR EQUIPMENT AND ITS HANDLING.

(4) PROVISIONS FOR SPACING BETWEEN YIELD-MEASURING
EQUIPMENT AND THE CANISTER CONTAINING THE EXPLOSIVE.

(5) PROVISIONS FOR OBSERVER RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH
EXPLOSIONS IN THE YIELD RANGE 100 TO 150 KILOTONS.

I AM SURE THAT YOU ALSO HAVE SOME PROPOSALS CONCERN-
ING OUR WORK AND WE LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT INTEREST TO
HEARING THEM.

THANK YOU.

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